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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-5, 8-15, and 18-21 pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 10, 11 and 15 have been amended.

§101 Rejection of Claim 10

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §101. As shown above, claim 10 has been amended to call for, in part: "A storage medium storing a software program product ..." It is submitted that the Examiner's rejection has been obviated and so it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

§103 Rejection of Claims 1 - 5, 8 - 15, and 18 - 21

In Section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 5, 8 - 15, and 18 - 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Misra et al. (U.S. Patent 5,757,920; hereinafter referred to as "Misra"). This rejection is respectfully traversed below.

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner appears to be equating the "ticket" discussed in Misra at col. 7, ll. 36-52, with the acknowledgement key received by the originator in claim 1. While this ticket can include a time stamp, it appears that the time validity of the ticket is not checked by the client. In claim 1, the originator sends data including temporal validity information to the destination. The originator receives back from the destination an acknowledgement key including a time stamp. The originator verifies the acknowledgement key using the received time

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stamp and the previously stored temporal validity information. Hence, the originator performs the verification. In contrast, it appears that the Examiner is describing a situation where the server (KDC 109; destination) is performing verification by checking that a logon certificate received from the client (client 166; originator) has not expired (Misra, col. 8, ll. 48-53). After verifying the logon certificate, the server returns a ticket to the client. The Examiner argues that the ticket can include a time stamp. Even assuming that the ticket returned to the client does include a time stamp, it does not appear that the Examiner addresses how Misra discloses the client verifying the ticket using that time stamp and previously stored temporal validity information. The supposition that the ticket includes a time stamp does not inherently show that the client verifies the ticket. That time stamp could be used later by a server to verify the ticket. Hence, it does not appear that the Examiner's argument clearly addresses all aspects of claim 1.

Consequently, it does not appear that the Examiner has established how the cited reference of Misra, as referenced by the Examiner in rejecting claim 1, shows or suggests at least these aspects of amended claim 1, and so it is submitted that the Examiner has not established how Misra shows or suggests amended claim 1 as a whole. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1, and it is also submitted that the Examiner has not established how Misra shows or suggests claims 2-4 and 20, through their dependence on claim 1. Similar arguments apply to claims 5, 11 and 15, and so to claims 8-10 that depend from claim 5, claims 12-14 and 21 that depend from claim 11, and claims 18-19 that depend from claim 15.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1 - 5, 8 - 15, and 18 - 21 are not anticipated by nor rendered obvious by the teachings of Misra, as presented and referenced by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 - 5, 8 - 15,

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and 18 - 21 based upon 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-5, 8-15, and 18-21 is respectfully solicited.

In regard to the claims amended herein and throughout the prosecution of this application, it is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

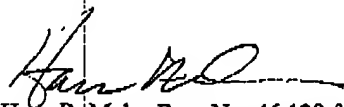
In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number written below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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